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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Subject: Discussions With SSCI Staffers Keith Hall & John Nelson Concerning
SSCI Hearing on 23 October "Meeting DoD Requirements"

1. Mr. Hall said the prospective witnesses for this hearing are the DCI, DDCI, the DepSECDEF, ASD/C3I, and SECNAV. The latter has been included to give the services representation since they are a major "driver" of TIARA requirements.

2. The primary purpose of the hearing is to get the witnesses' views on how well the current planning and programming system works in satisfying National and Tactical intelligence requirements. Mr. Hall stressed that the hearing is meant to provide an opportunity for the respective witnesses to offer any comments/observations they have about the strengths/or weaknesses of the current planning/programming/budgeting system from the standpoint of how well it helps or hinders them in doing their respective jobs. I asked what topics might be of particular interest to the Committee, and Messers Hall and Nelson offered the following as possible topics for discussion:

--Discuss the NFIP/TIARA Interface Report that was done by Congressional request earlier this year. What are the witnesses views about the need for any further improvements in this area?

--What assumptions are made, in developing the NFIP budget, about the availability of TIARA assets to meet National collection requirements?

--Likewise, what assumptions are made, in developing the TIAPA budget, about the availability of National assets at various stages of conflict?

--Discuss the overall priority to be given intelligence within the Defense budget over the next five years, especially considering the austere budget climate that we are likely to encounter.

--Discuss the pros & cons of funding major portions of the NFIP within the Defense budget.

--Discuss the recent reorganization within DoD involving C3I, and the Department's goals and expectations from that effort.

--Discuss and evaluate the role played by intelligence in major weapons system acquisitions and planning by the Services.

3. Mr. Hall also suggested that since this is the final "wrap-up" session

in the Phase II hearings, the witnesses might like to offer their views about the Committee's efforts to date on these hearings, both good and bad.



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